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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Barton Seagrave Parish Council held on Thursday 11th November 2021 at Barton Seagrave Village Hall.

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| PRESENT | Councillors | Mrs D Miles Zanger Mr R Carter Mrs C Carter Mr J Currall Mr A Dutton Mr R Roberts | Chairman |
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Clerk: Mr R Reed

Richard Adshead – Village Hall Operations Manager

There was one member of the public in attendance.

21/155 Apologies

Cllr. C Skinner and Cllr. S Edwards

21/156 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations on agenda items.

21/157 Policing matters

There was no Police officer in attendance. The Clerk had recently forwarded the latest crime report to councillors. Cllr. Roberts said that he understood that funding will be available for additional Police officers. Cllrs. discussed inviting the Police to attend with a vehicle to meet residents.

21/158 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting Held on 14.10.21

Cllr. Mrs Miles-Zanger said that it would be Cllrs. Currall and R Carter attending the Village Hall Committee and not Cllr. Roberts and herself. Also, Richard and Ellie have to complete the Enhanced DBS check. With these amendments, it was proposed by Cllr. Roberts and seconded by Cllr. Currall that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14th October 2021, having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. This was agreed unanimously.

21/159 Matters Arising

The payment for the Cranford Parish Council notice board has been made and the transfer document issued. The key will be dropped into the Village Hall shortly.

21/160 East Kettering update.

Cllr. Roberts gave an update of the current situation. He is continuing to press for the lights at Barton Road/St Botolph's Road junction to be commissioned.

21/161 Rights of Way

The Clerk spoke of issues with trees brought down by the weekend gales blocking HL9. It is understood that Highways are arranging for the clearance.

21/162 Village Hall

Mr Adshead presented his report for October. A site for the second defibrillator needs to be determined. To date there had been no return from the solar panels. Cllr. R Carter to speak to an installer to seek advice. **Action: RC**

Cllr. Mrs Miles-Zanger had discussed hire fees with Mr Adshead and these would be reviewed in the New Year. Mr Adshead suggested that the cancellation policy should be reviewed. Cllr. Currall said this could be considered at the meeting of the Village Hall Committee.

21/163 Pocket Park

Cllr. Mrs Carter gave a report of the events the previous Sunday when severe gales felled several trees in the Pocket Park. The Parish Council is grateful to Mr Giles Howard who turned out that day to clear those causing an obstruction or presenting a danger before completing the rest of the clearance during the week. Cllr. Mrs Carter is to issue details of the requirements for the Queen's Green Canopy project. **Action: CC**

21/164 Ad Hoc Grounds Maintenance

Following requests for grounds maintenance work around the village, the Clerk spoke of an arrangement the Parish Council had some years ago with a local grounds maintenance contractor. It was agreed to make approaches to some known contractors including

Mowerman and Giles Howard. Cllr. Currall is to forward contact details for Nathan Warne to the Clerk. **Action: JC/Clerk**

21/165 Grit bins

The Clerk had contacted Mowerman regarding the inspection and filling of the five Parish Council owned grit bins and the firm had agreed to hold the cost at last year's rates. It was agreed to instruct Mowerman to carry out the checks and filling. **Action: Clerk**

A grit bin is required for the Village Hall and RMC Builders are to be contacted for a price to supply, install and initial fill of a bin. **Action: Clerk**

21/166 Planning Report

No applications had been received since the last meeting.

21/167 Councillors' Reports

Cllr. Roberts spoke of involving the community on addressing climate issues.

A Remembrance service is to be held at St. Botolph's Church on Sunday 14th November.

21/168 Correspondence

As per circulated list.

Cllr. Currall said that the Chris George "To Let" sign had now been removed and asked that a similar letter be sent to Oscar James Estate Agents regarding its sign at the same location.

Action: Clerk

The Clerk was now receiving daily weather forecast and action reports from NNC. He would retain these records but would forward to councillors those where action was proposed.

Action: Clerk

21/169 Residents Time

There were no issues at this time.

21/170 2022/23 Budget

The Clerk had previously circulated the initial draft of next year's budget and it was agreed to allocate £10000 for environmental work and grounds maintenance. The s.137 allocation is to be increased to £1000 to cover possible Christmas social events. The Clerk is to revise the draft and re-issue. **Action: Clerk**

21/171 Accounts

(i) The Clerk presented the latest statement of accounts correct to the latest available bank statement, the budget monitoring report and the bank reconciliation to 29.10.21. Since the last meeting receipts included £4802.84 VH income and £26.55 Salvation Army clothes bank.

(ii) The following invoices were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr Mrs Miles-Zanger and seconded by Cllr. J Currall

Retrospective

21.10.21 Ms E L Jones £135.00 Cheque No. 738

21.10.21 Make Woodworking Ltd. £330.00 Cheque No. 739

08.11.21 Cranford PC £200.00 online transfer

08.11.21 Ms E L Jones £1230.84 online transfer

09.11.21 Staff costs £3576.85 online transfer

HMRC £59.16 Cheque No. 740

Easy Open Ltd. £156.00 Cheque No. 741

Interlynx Security £87.40 online transfer

Mr Adam Curtis £265.00 online transfer

Clean4Shaw Ltd. £636.00 online transfer

A Baillie (Hygiene) & Co. £71.74 online transfer

Mrs D Miles £83.96 online transfer

(iii) There was no further financial business.

21/172 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, for Information or for the Next Agenda

The location for the second defibrillator needs to be decided so that the necessary installation items can be ordered. **Action: All**

21/173 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 9th December 2021 commencing at 7:00pm. In the Village Hall.

As there was no further urgent business the Chairman closed the public part of the meeting at 8:35pm